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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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For a bad taste in the mouth don't do so any more.

An agnostic is a man who doesn't believe in doctors or preachers as long as he is in good health.

The prophet in politics is without honor in his own country and everywhere else. It is the vote that tells.

Krupp, the cannon-maker, pays more taxes than any other man in Germany. Most of it comes back to him, too.

The interstate commerce law, since the courts have had a chance at it, looks as though it had been run through a clover huller.

Some say it is unlucky to put up an umbrella in the house, but this is hardly the case unless the house happens to be a pawnbroker's.

A feeling of sympathy is well enough in the heart, but there are occasions when its presence is even better shown by feeling in the pocket.

Canada is now getting into the position of the small boy who promises that he will never do so any more if his father will spare the rod just this once.

Those farmers out in Kansas who entered into a contract with a rain company should have insisted on a time limit. It was pretty certain to rain sometime.

It's lucky the United States Government is not trying to enlist any boys in the navy, for it would be doomed to defeat. Sailors, you know, do not wear suspenders.

A GREAT deal is being said about Canada's destiny. Canada's destiny is to stay on the other side of the river until she makes an out-and-out leap-year proposal to Uncle Sam.

EMPEROR WILLIAM may yet have to follow the example of his illustrious grandmother, who had to restore to office the cast-off Gladstone. Bismarck is still a power in Germany.

A MAN in New York committed suicide because his baby was a girl. He had set his heart on a boy. He did a very foolish thing. That daughter may live to be the President of the United States.

LADIES, it has been observed, are quite as ready to go into get-rich-quick schemes as the sterner sex. This would prove that some men know how to find the pocket of a woman's dress, at least.

BALLARD SMITH has retired from journalism. New York Herald. Would it not be more correct to say that journalism had retired from Ballard Smith? The two never had more than a slight acquaintance.

DREYER, the Vienna brewer, is reported to be worth \$10,000,000 and to be increasing his fortune at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year out of the profits of his business. There's more money in brewing beer than in drinking it.

A CONTEMPORANEOUS poet has been writing a song of remorse with the refrain: "I want to be a little child again." But perhaps if he could go back to his youth he would not turn out a bit better man. Remorse is an awful thing.

STEP by step the usurper is sapping the privileges of the lords of creation. Here, now, is the case of a woman arrested in New York City for wearing overalls. Thank heaven, full beards are beyond their reach, at least for the present.

A DRIVER has been fined by a Chicago justice for having deliberately run over a bicyclist. This incident gives color to the hope that in time a jurist may be found with pluck enough to fine a bicyclist who runs over a humble pedestrian.

The visit of a skillful French diplomat to St. Petersburg, ostensibly for a change of climate, has created a number of rumors about a new treaty between Russia and France which may lead to the long-expected and still far distant war that is to shake up all Europe.

AN average English election costs twenty-five thousand dollars. An average Congressional election with its costs about one-fifth that sum. The member of Parliament gets five thousand dollars a year and mileage, the American plan is the better.

A LONG-DISTANCE telephone has been devised in France to talk under oceans, just as is now done under the English Channel between London and Paris. It seems simple enough to laymen, but so insuperable are the difficulties that if M. Ollivott, has solved them, he will be given first rank among electricians.

RECENT occurrences lead to the belief that embalming fluid is likely to take the place of the rope and the pistol as a means of self-murder. While only cowards and fools commit suicide, yet if they choose the new method, they will, at least, succeed

IN PRESERVING THEIR BODIES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Some doctors in Europe have the courage to declare that the prevailing style of cholera is only a pretender, and unable to show the Asiatic brand. This may be true, but as the pretender seems to possess the essential traits of the thoroughbred Asiatic sort, the grain of comfort concealed in the truth is hard to find.

A PRACTICAL calculator has discovered that an average waltz takes one over about three-quarters of a mile. A square dance is half a mile, and a galop is a good mile at a run. But no young man thinks of these trifles, for the minute he surounds the girl's waist with his arm he feels he's going round the world.

INVESTIGATION is bringing out the proof that the strikes in Tennessee were of the real walking delegate order, engineered by persons who were not generally miners and not long residents of the State. Some of them are now making an effort to explain satisfactorily to an unsympathetic court what, they meant by going down there and causing murder and the destruction of property.

THE United States cruiser Concord is at Venezuela. It is natural to suppose that she goes there to back up Uncle Sam's demand for an apology for the hot-headed Venezuelan outrage of taking passengers from an American steamship bound to this country. Many South American countries have been sinners in this respect, and have laughed in Uncle Sam's face when he talked about averting the insult, simply because they knew that his navy was composed of old wooden tubs. But now that he has a nice little group of steel ships, there is to be no more grinning.

EVERYBODY will be glad to see law and order re-established in Tennessee, but no one in this latitude will blame the free coal miners for rioting again if the competition with convict labor is forced upon them. We cannot afford, so long as United States law forbids the importation of convict-made goods, with the express view of protecting our own workmen, to have the laborers in any part of the country ground down to convict-labor prices. If Tennessee gets rid of the odious institution at the price of the recent flurry, she will be getting off cheaply. But the barbarity out of sight forever!

DR. TALMAGE must be highly gratified with his reception in London. He was permitted to escape with his life. The enthusiasm of the populace was so marked that the carriage in which the Brooklyn divine sat succumbed to it, and had been not strong of limb as of faith, he would have been crushed in the debris like an egg in a bag. The incident is valuable in furnishing another model of that higher civilization which England so modestly claims, and which had been partly forgotten since brought into prominence by the mobbing of Mrs. Stanley and the hurling of cabbage at Mrs. Cornwallis-West.

It is given as a reason why Western steers so frequently run wild races through the streets of New York that they are not properly watered during their long journeys to the East; hence are really mad with thirst. If this is so, it shows what a grave danger is threatening the unconscious public; for, aside from the incidental risk to property and life involved in the street escapades, it is evident that the flesh of animals fed to madness is capable of doing terrible mischief when used as food. The humane transportation of cattle is one thus closely connected with the public welfare, and laws for its observance ought to be strictly enforced.

DYNAMITE is becoming too common for comfort. Not only is it a new element in train robbery with which the officers and express messengers cannot cope, but it is being used in all sorts of fiendish ways to compass petty spite and revenge. The other day a cartridge of the stuff was concealed in a sheaf of wheat on a Utah farm, and when it was run through a separator it tore the machine to pieces and severely injured the workmen. The czar has the time to be alert against high explosives, but the American citizen has other business that must be attended to, and since the dynamite habit promises to become promiscuously prevalent it is only reasonable for the public to demand that the explosive be sold, like rank poisons, only "on prescription."

A Simple Disinfectant. One of the simplest disinfectants of a sick-room is ground coffee burnt on a shovel so as to fill the atmosphere of the room with its pungent, aromatic odor. If two red-hot coals are placed on a fire shovel and a teaspoonful at a time of ground coffee is sprinkled over them, using three teaspoonfuls in all, it will fill the room with its aroma, and it is said to have the hygienic effect of preventing the spread of various epidemic diseases. The odor is very agreeable and soothing to a sick person, where other disinfectants prove disagreeable.

A Peculiar Disease. When a horse is brought into the high altitudes of the Andes the blood starts from his mouth, ears, and nose, and men are often affected in the same way. The disease is known as "sirocco" and sometimes is fatal. The natives having been born and bred at this great elevation, are no more affected by the rarity of the atmosphere than the negroes of the Brazilian swamps are by the heat.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that will interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Anecdotes and Bright Sayings of Oute Children.

The First to Greet Columbus. When the feast is spread in our country's halls,

When the nations are gathered from far and near,
When East and West send up the same glad shout, and call to the lands, "Good cheer!"

When North and South shall give their bloom,
The fairest and best of the century born,
Oh, then for the king of the feast make room!

Make room, we pray, for the scarlet throne!
Not the goldenrod from the hillside's crest,
Not the pale arabus from pastures rare,
Nor the waving wheat from the mighty West.

Not the proud magnolia tall and fair,
Shall Columbia unto the banquet bring,
They, willing of heart, shall stand and wait,
But the thorn, with his scarlet crown, is king.

Make room for him at the splendid feast!
Do we not remember the olden tale,
And that terrible day of dark despair,
When Columbus, under the lowering sail,
Sent out to the hidden lands his prayer?

And was it not he of the scarlet bough,
Who first went forth from shore to shore,
That lone grand soul, at the vessel's prow,
Defying fate with his tiny feet?

Grim treachery threatened, above, below,
And death stood close at the captain's side,
When Columbus, in the sunset glow,
Saw "oh, joy!" in the sunset glide.

The thorn-tree's branch o'er the waters glides,
The nutmeg's sail, the ocean sweeps;
The nutmeg's sail, the ocean sweeps;
Together they fell on their knees and wept.

Alas, they landed with pennons white;
They kissed the sod of San Salvador;
But dearer than gems on his doubtful side,
Were the scarlet berries their leader bore.

Thorny and sharp like his future crown,
Blood-red like the wounds in his great heart made,
Yet an emblem true of his proud renown,
Blood-red like the scars that never fade.

—St. Nicholas.

Use Your Eyes. One of the best possible illustrations of the great and sometimes unexpected value of careful observation of small things is furnished by an English naturalist's recent discovery that nearly all writers on the habits of bees have blundered in asserting that a honey-bee, when on a foraging trip, confines itself to one species of flower.

It has been said that if a bee begins, for instance, gathering pollen from a daisy it will visit only daisies during that trip, avoiding clovers, blossoms, honeysuckles, violets, and so on.

But Mr. G. W. Bulman, an authority on bees, has watched bees changing from one kind of flower to another during a single trip. One bee in particular visited twenty-seven flowers belonging to ten different species.

If this is correct, the discovery has an important bearing upon the theory of the influence of bees in cross fertilization of plants.

But how easy it would be for any person, a boy or a girl who knows flowers, for instance, to carry on such observation for himself or herself, thereby opening up not only a new source of intelligent recreation, which would rapidly increase in interest, but gathering facts which might make a reputation for the young discoverer, and add materially to the stores of science.—Youth's Companion.

The Baby Elephant's Peanut. "Mamma," moaned the baby elephant, "I've lost the peanut you gave me."

"Open your mouth, my child, and let me see," returned the mother. "Why, there it is right in your mouth. You foolish little elephant!"

"Well, I cannot help it," pouted the baby elephant. "My mouth is so big and the peanut is so little, I don't see how it could help being lost in there."—Harper's Young People.

Where Snakes Are Scared. There is not a lizard or snake north of the southern extremity of Hudson Bay, says an exchange. The summer there are so short that these reptiles have no time to enjoy themselves even if the ground at a depth of two or three feet below the surface were not frozen all the year round, thus driving them to a place to hibernate. Snakes and lizards can't endure a cold climate, and a latitude of 53 degrees north is altogether too frigid for them.

Surprised Pig. Little Pete never intends to mistake things, but his very figurative imagination gets the better of his facts. He starts out to tell something which is perfectly true, but before he is done he has generally drifted off into some picturesque exaggeration. The other day he exclaimed to a companion:

"Just think, Billy! Out in Chicago they aren't going to be cruel to the pigs any more when they kill them. They're going to chloroform them."

"How do they do it?" asked Billy. "Why, they just put a sponge in front of the pig's nose, and he goes right to sleep, and when he comes to himself he says, 'Why, my ham's gone! And by and by he says, 'Goodness! Somebody's sawed my leg off! And then he finds out that he's all cut up!"

Children's Chapter. "I'm glad I'm not a peach," said Rollo. "If I was, mamma'd eat me, she's so fond of 'em."

"I don't think that's a good picture of our baby," said Adam. "Why not?" asked his mother. "It's too still for him."

"Papa," said Harry, as he looked at his new baby brother, "I wish we had seen more, because with him and me and seven more we'd have a basket full!"

"My," said Bessie. "It is awful hot. I wish I was a cake of ice!" "Pooh!" said Jamie. "If you were a cake of ice you couldn't stand the heat half so well. You'd melt all up!"

A LITTLE five-year-old interviewed his mother the other day upon the subject of angels having wings, and, on being told that there was reason to believe that they were so equipped, exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, how funny they must look when asleep roosting like turkeys!"

GOOD-BY TO WOODEN WHEELS.

There is a paucity in the sulky market. Horsemen are stampeding in the direction of the bicycle factories to get bicycle wheels and pneumatic tires.

Two whole seconds for the mile have been stolen away from the old wooden, iron-tired, 64-inch buggy wheel by the lowly 30-inch bicycle wheel with its fat tires.

"There is a perfect avalanche from trotting-track headquarters," said a carriage man to a Chicago News reporter, as a race-track patron came in carrying a sulky frame while a companion held a bicycle wheel in each hand.

"The horsemen are trooping toward the sulky-builders' shops to have pneumatic-tired wheels fitted to the old frames, for the sun has surely set upon the day of the old wooden wheel with its iron tire. About two weeks ago we fitted out Mr. Jerome's sulky with the 'blown-up' tires and a trial on the Washington Park track had the effect to send other turfmen to me for a similar equipment."

"It is the revolution of the trotting race and record," said the carriage builder, "and when I set in the grand stand and watched Nancy Hanks go around the curves with the wheels of the sulky following as accurately as if they were running in grooves, I knew that there was record in those wheels."

"If I had been in the sulky business when the first trials were made with the bicycle wheels, I should have taken summary steps to patent a complete sulky with frame and wheels specially built, and had a caveat in work before an hour had elapsed."

The pneumatic-tired sulky follows the horse around the curves without the slightest tendency toward "skidding," and although it looks queer, the drivers say that the usual sliding and creaking of wheel parts is entirely absent, and the long-endured jar has gone away to be hung up with the wooden wheels on a peg in the paddock.

The bicycle riders are feeling badly in one sense and jubilant in another. They are now five and three-fourths seconds short of the horse record, toward which they have been striving for years, but they are entitled to the credit of making the pneumatic wheels and presenting them to their rivals, the horse men, thus helping to defeat themselves.

The bicycle record has gone down one minute and forty-two seconds, while the horse record has been improved only eight seconds. The improvement of bicycle mechanism has, however, been largely instrumental in the marvelous improvement of speed, and yet, under the same conditions, with the pneumatic tire, in two years 2:20 has given place to 2:11.

The original adaption of the bicycle wheels to the sulky frame was by Sterling Elliott, the maker of hickory bicycles at Newton, Mass. The regulation steel bicycle wheel is, however, perfectly adapted to the purpose.

Ready for Business. To be diligent in business is commendable, but surely one may err on the side of too great diligence by being ready for a trade at an unsuitable time. A man-peddler, in pursuance of his vocation, chanced to stop at a hotel in a Long Island village. A friend, whom he had known elsewhere, seeing him at the hotel, invited him to a party which he was to give the same evening.

The man-peddler came, and when received by his host at the door, was found with three maps in his hands. "How do you do?" he said. "Got any nails?" I thought, as there was to be a good many folks here to-night, I'd hang up some of my maps here and let 'em look at 'em. Good chance for business. Maybe some of 'em would like to buy 'em, and I could explain 'em just as well as not."

His host endeavored to persuade him that it would not be a suitable place to urge his business, much to the man's surprise.

"Now, you don't understand," urged the peddler. "I'd would amuse and interest 'em, they'd be pleased, and besides that, being visitors, they'd feel sort of 'bliged to buy."

But he was then spoken to so plainly that he was forced to abandon greatly to his surprise as well as his regret—his project of mingling business with entertainment.

A Diamond Role. The diamond is a brilliant thing, but the place it comes from is dismal enough. A traveler recently from South Africa gives an account of the crowds of the diamond seekers who poured in after the first discovery. The mine is situated in the midst of a plateau, high, wide, and barren, and consists of nothing more than an enormous hole nine acres in extent.

This hole is about four hundred feet deep, and visitors seldom descend into it on account of the dirt and danger. It is from this disagreeable aperture that the gems are brought which glitter and sparkle up on the persons of lovely women.

It is doubtless nice to own a \$40,000 horse—until it drops dead, as one did in Kentucky.

BOAT DWELLERS.

HONG KONG'S IMMENSE RIVER POPULATION.

Municipal Regulations Strictly Enforced on the Waters—How These Dweller Thrive.

One of the most interesting sights around Hong Kong is the river population and its city of boats. This floating city is estimated to number some 300,000 people who recognize no other home than these boats, and whose lives are spent from birth upon the river; in fact, they are not permitted to know any other habitation. These boat homes are of different sizes and various shapes, the larger number being sampans or slipper boats about twenty feet long, with movable telescopic roofs of bamboo covering them for about one-half of their length.

As small as these boats are they not only accommodate one family, but frequently, according to the Philadelphia Ledger, that of one of the poorest people being economized in the most ingenious manner, and in decided contrast to dwellings on shore, they are kept scrupulously clean.

A great majority of the men go on shore during the day for employment, leaving their wives and children to work the oars and ply the trade of boatmen, and it must be said they do it with great satisfaction to those who have the need of water carriage. The mother of the family is found frequently rowing with one baby strapped to her back, while alongside of her is the next in age, learning to row and preparing to add to the resources of the family. The children of the family, many of whom are babies, play around the boats as carelessly as though they were in a nursery on shore, and to prevent accident from drowning among the very young boys they have a float attached to their waists, in the shape of a small piece of bamboo, so that if they fall over and drop into the river they may be easily fished out again.

Since girl babies are not considered a very much importance in China, it is rather a matter of indifference as to whether they drown or not.

The boats composing this floating city are all moored closely together, each with its appointed anchorage, forming long water lanes of streets, through which the traffic of the community takes place. They have their own municipal regulations, which are strictly enforced by river police, as must necessarily be the case with such a large population, and every condition of life on shore has a similar condition on the water. To supply the necessities of life they have floating stores and a market boats for the sale of meat, fish and vegetables, and almost everything that a household requires is brought from boat to boat in these latter streets by peddlers and tradesmen. Then there are floating kitchens connected with other boats known as flower boats, which are not floating conservatories, as their name might imply, but restaurants or dining halls, gorgeously fitted up with gilded ornaments of many kinds, handsome wood carvings, chandeliers with lights, and brilliant illuminations. These are for the purpose of giving dinner parties and are used by the wealthier Chinese to entertain their friends.

During the interval between the courses the guests are regaled with the performances of a number of handsomely attired "sing-song" girls, the professional lyric artists of China, who delight the ears of the Chinese guests, but to a European the sounds given out by these sirens are torturing in the extreme.

Shooting in among these river lanes is the river doctor, in his small boat, and calling attention to his whereabouts by ringing a bell, so that those requiring his services can readily find him, and in like manner travels the barber who has a busy vocation, his services being in continual demand. The priests are not even left out in this community, for, although there is little space usually allotted in each boat for a shrine, there is quite an amount of public worship necessitating the service of a priest, such as marriage ceremonies, burials, etc., consequently they have church boats, and are well up with all the paraphernalia of their faith.

But of all the odd boats in this motley group, perhaps the most singular are those in which they rear ducks and geese, many of them containing as many as several hundred in one boat. The ducks are sent out usually twice a day to feed along the marshes and mud fields by the shore, and they are called by a signal from a whistle. At this sound the feeding instantly ceases, and they return to their respective boats with a promptness that is simply astonishing. The latest arrival is always taken up and given a beating with the bamboo, and on the next recall that duck is invariably the first to come on board, showing the wonderful efficiency of the bamboo in incalculating punctuality."

In the midst of this gay life may be seen the funeral boat passing silently by, crowded with mourners; in the center the coffin, covered with a heavy pall and trimmed with green branches. This is one occasion when a member of this colony takes to the land. During life they may have no shore, but they cannot be refused a grave on earth.

In almost every way the land and river population are utterly distinct, the former looks down upon the latter as an alien caste, and marriage between the two classes is unknown. Nevertheless, in spite of their peculiar surroundings, these many thousands live and thrive comfortably.

A Gigantic Irrigation Scheme. Beyond all question, the irrigation scheme being pushed in Florida by a number of capitalists of Cincinnati, O.; Philadelphia, and New York is to be the greatest North America has ever seen. It is exclusively a private enterprise, conducted by a stock company that has no bonds to float, no stock to sell, no mortgages to negotiate. At present it is only a big land syndicate, but it may develop into the giant monopoly of the world.

The company has had an existence for months, and through its agents has secured at a few cents an acre a tract of land on the St. John and Indian rivers eighty-three miles long and from three to six miles wide. It has three feet of rich muck, and it is estimated will be worth one hundred dollars an acre when drained. The surveyors have been at work some time preparing plans, it being the intention to drain in sections, so that a part of the land may be available next spring. The entire cost of the improvement is estimated at \$4,000,000 and two years the time necessary to complete the entire work. As fast as prepared the land will be planted in sugar cane. It is believed that on this reclaimed swamp enough sugar can be raised to supply the whole of North America. Truck farming will be indulged in to some extent, and on the higher knolls small fruits. S. A. Jones, of Tampa, Fla., one of the agents of the syndicate, says the improvement will have about a revolutionary effect on Florida, and will, commercially, in the line of sugar, affect the whole world.—[Chicago Herald.

THE PAPER LADDER.

How to Make It with a Single Cut of the Scissors.

This is a curious experiment, easy to make with a sheet of paper as follows:

Figure 1 is the sheet of paper, a rectangle as long and tall as the ladder which you wish to make. Fold it double lengthwise, and you have figure 2. Now fold it up fan-like as

shown in figure 3. Gather it together between thumb and finger, and fold it according to the oblique line indicated in figure 4. The whole then assumes the aspect of figure 5, and it is through this figure, following the dotted vertical line, that you must make your scissors cut.

Unfold the paper and you have the little ladder seen in figure 6.

A Big Sale. Friend Frank and I were out for a day's hunting in the interior of Long Island. After some hours of shooting, our supply of powder was exhausted, but, by a happy chance, we ran across one of those rare compounds, a country "store," and went in to replenish our stock. The proprietor was a little, wizened specimen of his kind, with a few stray locks, and a weather-beaten visage. With a stately air, he arose from behind the counter, adjusted his spectacles and inquired what we wanted.

"Some powder," said I.

"Reaching down, he drew forth a little old rusty keg, placed it on the counter, and asked how much.

"A bolt of lightning would not have shocked the old man worse; and, in an excited voice, he asked:

"A—what, did you say?"

"A pound," I replied.

"A whole pound?" he again asked, as if in a dream.

I assured him that we wanted a whole pound.

"Wait a minute," he exclaimed; and, rushing into the open space in front of the counter, and half doubling himself, he began to trot around in a circle, excitedly repeating over and over again:

"A whole pound! powder! a whole pound of powder! a whole pound of powder!"

He pranced around till he was nearly exhausted, and then he went back, arranged his rusty scales, and began to pour out the powder. But he emptied the keg and there was not a pound in all. A look of dismay spread over his features, but in a moment he said: "I will run over and borrow Neighbor Ben's powder horn," and off he went. He soon returned with the horn, and finished the pound. As he handed it over I asked the price.

This started a new trouble. He searched here and there, and finally declared that he could not find the price and would leave it to us to say how much. I told him 40 cents was about right, and handed him the money.

"Gentlemen," he said, as we turned to go, "I've kept store here close over forty year, an' I never made such a big sale before. A whole pound o' powder!"

But we hurried away before he could have another spasim.

A Solid Homo Virile. Economy is a virtue which is needed everywhere. No matter if persons are rich or have large incomes, they should be economical. To waste is wicked. There are better ways to spend money and goods than to waste them. It is the poorest use they can be put to. Many people would be economical if they knew how. It is an art to practice economy. To do it well one must know the art. As can have it, if they will. It is an arithmetical art. It is the conclusion of numbers: All must live and ought to live well, but how to live best at the least expense is the work of figures to tell. We must count the cost of ways and means and compare them. Many people use expensive articles of food and dress, when cheaper ones would be in every way better and more serviceable. Especially in regulating the table expenses is there a great want of economy. A little useful information concerning the value of food, the amount and kind of nutritive matter they contain, the wants of the human system and the best way of cooking, would often save fully one-third—in many instances half—the expense. A wise economy in table expenses is favorable to health, and in this way saves time, drugs, expense and doctor's bills, flesh, strength and happiness.

How Gold Is Shipped. Shipments of gold from New York to Europe are ordinarily made in very strong hard-wood kegs, each keg containing \$50,000. At the end of the keg, four holes are bored through the projecting ends of the staves, and through these holes pieces of red tape are drawn, meeting in the center, where a large wax seal is applied, bearing the stamp of the house which makes the shipment. A material cause of loss in this handling of specie is the rubbing of the coin or bars one upon another; and for this reason \$20 gold pieces are preferred to \$10 or \$5 pieces, the surface exposed to abrasion being less. Each keg contains ten canvas bags, and in each bag is \$5,000. In the United States Assay Office the rubbing of the gold bars upon each other is prevented by packing them in saw-dust.

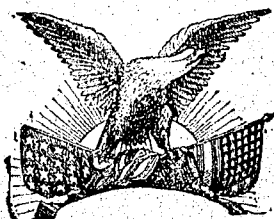
A GERMAN physiologist announces the discovery that the habit of italicizing words is a sure indication of insanity. The same thing has been said of about every habit to which humanity is addicted, so that there is really no cause for alarm. Possibly the learned German had caught himself italicizing some valuable thoughts of his own.

The Avalanche.

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- 6th Dist.—**ARTHUR O. BEMENT,**
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- 7th Dist.—**THOMAS DAWSON,** of Macomb.
- 8th Dist.—
- 9th Dist.—**HENRY H. HOLT,** of Muskegon.
- 10th Dist.—**RASMUS HANSON,** of Crawford.
- 11th Dist.—**DENNIS E. ALWARD,**
Of Clare.
- 12th Dist.—**JAMES A. CROZER,** of Menominee.

STATE TICKET.

- For Governor.....**JOHN T. RICH,**
of Lapeer County.
- For Lieut. Gov.....**J. W. HIDDINGS,**
of Wexford County.
- For Sec'y of State.....**J. W. JOCHIM,**
of Marquette County.
- For Treasurer.....**F. HAMBITZER,**
of Houghton County.
- For Aud. Gen'l.....**S. W. TURNER,**
of Roscommon County.
- For Att'y Gen'l.....**G. E. DIKEMA,**
of Ottawa County.
- For Com'r. St. L. O.....**J. G. BERRY,**
of Osego County.
- For Sup. P. Inst'n.....**H. R. PATTERSON,**
of Ingham County.
- For Member B. of Ed.....**R. A. WILSON,**
of Van Buren County.

For Congress.

- Tenth Congressional District,
JAMES VAN KLECK, of Bay.
- For Senator,
28th Senatorial District,
C. S. PIERCE, of Iosco.

POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE CONVENTION.

The Republicans of the Alpena Representative district will meet in convention at Grayling, on

Tuesday October 4th 1892.

At 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

For the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for Representative in the State Legislature, and for such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The counties composing the district will be entitled to delegates as follows:
Alpena.....5
Crawford.....2
Montmorency.....1
Oscoda.....2
Osego.....2

By order of committee,
W. E. ROGERS, Chairman.

The Hon. D. B. Hill's declaration that he is a Democrat relieves Republicans, Mingwams and Prohibitionists of considerable anxiety.

Republican County Convention.

A Republican Convention will be held at the Court House, in Grayling, Thursday, October 13th, for the purpose of the nomination of County officers to be supported at the next election; for the election of a County Committee, and for such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The several townships are entitled to delegates as follows: Ball 2; Beaver Creek 3; Blaine 2; Center Plains 3; Frederic 2; Grayling 18; Grove 2; Maple Forest 3; South Branch 2.

By order of Committee,
O. PALMER,
WM. A. MASTERS, CHAIRMAN,
Secretary.

David B. Hill in his Brooklyn speech, said: "I am a democrat still!" Should not wonder if he was a rectifying establishment, also.

The tin plate factory at Elwood, Ind., which until recently the democratic press claimed did not exist, is now paying \$2,000 a week to its employees.

At a meeting at Port Huron of the democratic county committee, Secretary O'Donnell opened by saying: "Owing to Chairman Stewart's absence, he is not here."

Two years ago democratic voters took pleasure in attending the county fairs and telling the farmers how they were being robbed by the tariff. They are not following that line of business this year.

The Democrats of Cook county, Ill., have nominated as their candidate for representative in the legislature a man named O'Brien. He has a black record as a thief and burglar and has already served two terms in the penitentiary.

"General Stevenson is making an able and effective campaign in North Carolina," declares a democratic contemporary. "We don't doubt it. The men who sent him there knew where such sentiments as his professions would be best received."—*Day City Tribune.*

Diphtheria, rheumatism, neuralgia, bronchitis and consumption caused the most sickness in Michigan for the week ending the 17th. Diphtheria was reported from seventy-three places, scarlet fever from thirty-nine, typhoid fever from sixty-two and measles from one place.

At the district convention, Tuesday, the democrats nominated Casper Alper, of Alpena, for representative. He is a genial and able gentleman, above the squabbling kind, but being on the wrong side, politically, his successful opponent will be named here next Tuesday.

"Business is good," says the *Financial Chronicle*, "the movement of merchandise is large and the purchasing power of the people has increased." Cannot the Free-Trade Democratic National Committee put a stop to the careless admissions of these honest free-trade papers?—*Economist.*

It would not be true and would be unfair to say that there were no Cleveland democrats among the 75,000 Union veterans who were in attendance at the Grand Army Encampment in Washington. But those who were there constituted a mighty small and insignificant fraction of the whole number.

The republican senatorial convention, for the 28th district, was held at the Court House in this village yesterday. Charles S. Pierce was selected as the candidate for state senator. No matter how the election goes an Iosco county man will represent the district, both candidates hailing from that county, and both from the same town, Oscoda.—*West Branch Times.*

Business men are beginning to recognize the fact that the Happy Home club rooms is the place to look for sober and reliable employees. Mr. Sovereign, the manager, has had two applications already from parties wanting just such men, and says he will be able inside of a week to furnish sober men for most any position of trust required.—*Battle Creek Journal.*

Englishmen can feel little sympathy for either of the parties engaged in this ignoble struggle; but undoubtedly our interests as a trading community must make us wish success to the Democrats, who now for the first time go to the polls as the avowed champions of free trade, rather than to the authors and defenders of the medieval McKinley bill.—*London Times.*

The Falcon Iron and Nail company, of Youngstown, Ohio, has just let the contracts for the erection of its tin-plate plant, which is to be completed by January 1st next. The tinning house will have ten stacks, with a capacity of about 2,000 to 2,500 boxes a day, while the plant will turn out 6,000 tons a year. The mill will manufacture its own steel plates for tinning. Now let the tin plate liars watch the construction of this plant.—*Blade.*

Frank A. Hooper, of Charlotte, was nominated for Justice of the Supreme Court, and J. W. Jochem to fill out the unexpired terms of Morse and Soper, by the republican state convention, held at Grand Rapids, yesterday.

Peleg McFarlane, of South Carver, Mass., was nominated for Congress by the democrats. He declined the nomination, saying: "Running for congress on the democratic ticket and running an iron foundry under the present tariff, in Massachusetts, are incompatible."

Gen. Sickles is at Washington with the veterans of the union army, and everybody is pointing him out as the Democratic soldier who a few weeks ago said at Chicago that no self-respecting veteran of the union army will vote for Grover Cleveland for president.—*Det. Journal.*

As provided in the joint resolution approved July 29th, President Harrison has issued a proclamation appointing Friday, October 21st, 1892, the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, as a general holiday for the people of the United States. Governor Winans has issued a proclamation to the same effect.

Printers will no longer be compelled to compete with the government in the stamped and printed envelope business. A bill making it unlawful for the government to furnish envelopes of this description has passed Congress, and the business will therefore be discontinued. It was a scheme that took hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the pockets of the printers of the land, and should have been repealed long ago.

The Bay City Times and Press states that Vermont and Maine have slumped. Both States have gone Republican; in Vermont the Democrats lost everything and failed to cast their usual vote. In Maine the republicans elected every member of Congress; have four fifths of the Legislature, and carried every county in the State and have 14,000 majority over the democrats. If any slumping was done it must have been by the democrats. But the Press or Times is a slump newspaper if there is such a word as slumping in the English vocabulary.

The city of Washington will witness this week such a sight as it never saw before. Twenty-seven years ago the columns of the Army of the Potomac, and on the succeeding day those of Sherman's army, swung down Pennsylvania avenue and past the reviewing stand where stood their commanders. It was a splendid sight—one never to be forgotten. Those were the men, they and the comrades they had left on Southern battlefields or had been sent wounded home, who had put down the mightiest rebellion in history. For two days the marching columns filled the streets, the air resounded with martial music, and the cheers of the people went up as the heroes of the Wilderness and Appomattox, of Chattanooga and Atlanta, appeared for the last time, as an organized body of troops, soon to disband, and, scattering throughout the land, make glad again the homes which so long had been without their presence.

That was a magnificent spectacle, but it will be in some respects a more imposing sight this week, when 60,000 veterans, who helped to save their country three decades ago, pass with slow and often halting steps down the great thoroughfare of the capital. They were young and strong then, although they had seen hard service. Now they are growing old, and many of them bear the marks of wounds or disease contracted during their warfare. But in their hearts the flame of patriotism burns as bright and pure as ever, and the love of their old comrades has only strengthened with the passing years. The simple bronze tablet each of them is entitled to wear is the proudest decoration in our Republic.

One comrade whom all expected to greet, to whom all look with respect and in whom all take pride, will be absent. The wife's claim is greater even than the comrade's, in the hours that may be her last on earth, and every heart among the marching thousands will beat in sympathy with the President's in his hour of affliction. That his sympathies are with them that know. He has shown that throughout his life, and in his latest public address to the people he showed it again when he said, "A comrade in the column of the victors' parade in 1865, I am not less a comrade now." Every President, with one exception, since the time of that "victors' parade" in 1865 has been a comrade—Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Harrison; and we trust that the time will never come in this Republic when it shall not be considered an added qualification for high office for a candidate to have served as one of the defenders of his country.

The nation's heart goes out to the veterans as they meet in this their latest and greatest—and for some of them their last—encampment. A grateful country does not grudge the bounty they have so well deserved. May the veterans for many years to come hold their grand encampments amid the sympathy and the universal honor of the nation they helped to preserve.—*N. Y. Press.*

The people who are not going to vote for the candidate on the usual ticket are getting into the papers. The *N. Y. Tribune* knows 60 Democrats in New Jersey who will not vote for Grover Cleveland. The reason is they are in the penitentiary for stuffing the ballot boxes.



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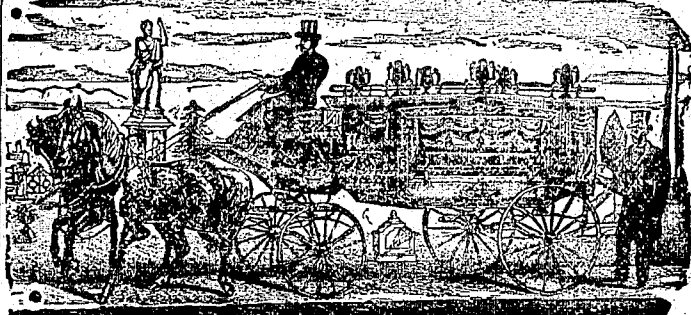
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HIS BATON LAID ASIDE.

PATRICK S. GILMORE'S WORK IS FINISHED.

Death of the Noted Band Master—Frightful Wreck at New Hampton, Iowa—Mysterious Casualty at Aspen, Colo.—Fleeting Assault at St. Joseph.

Blown from Bed and Killed.
At Aspen, Colo., John Powell was killed by being blown up with dynamite. He and his wife had retired for the night and were asleep when the explosion came. Instantly they were blown out of bed to find themselves buried in the debris of their home. Mrs. Powell was uninjured and easily extricated from the fatal mass, but her husband was killed. The origin of the explosion is a mystery. Mrs. Powell says no explosives were kept about the house.

CRUSHED UNDER CARS.

A Freight Train Crashes into a Caboose at New Hampton, Iowa.

The worst railroad accident that has ever occurred in that section of the State is reported from New Hampton, Iowa. It happened Saturday, but a short distance from the scene of the Wapula wreck of two years ago. Eight were killed and several hurt. A freight train and a caboose were on the Chicago and Great Western line when the crash occurred. The train pulled into the New Hampton depot to throw off a few rails and receive further instructions from the dispatcher at headquarters at Osceola. As the train was about to start, it was struck by a freight car coming from the west. The impact was so great that the freight car crashed into the caboose, and the train was thrown off the rails. The engine and several freight cars were crushed under the cars. The killed were all railroad laborers.

"PAT" GILMORE DEAD.

The Noted Bandmaster Dies Suddenly in St. Louis.

Patrick S. Gilmore, the leader of Gilmore's Band, died at the Lindell Hotel at St. Louis Saturday night, after an illness of but fifteen hours. The members of the band were not aware of Mr. Gilmore's critical condition, and played one number of the evening concert at the "Exposition" before he died. Mr. Gilmore was born near Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 28, 1820. He connected himself with military bands at the age of 15, and, after having been in command of an English band, went to Salem, Mass., where he led a brass band. After that he went to Boston, where he organized "Gilmore's Band," with which he made extensive tours. In 1861 he accompanied the Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment to the field, and in 1863 was placed in charge of all the bands of the Department of Louisiana by Gen. Banks. He organized monster concerts in this country, and was the projector of the great "Peace Jubilee" held in Boston in 1869 and 1870. In 1878 he made a European tour with his band. He was bandmaster of the First Cavalry Regiment of New York. He composed many marches and songs.

TRADE MUCH BETTER.

Great Improvement Noted as the Cooler Season Approaches.

R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade says:
The alarm about cholera has vanished, and trade in every direction shows all the improvement that was expected. The South is still dull, but the price of cotton is higher and late, but a little improvement has been seen during the last week. In a few quarters at the West farmers are beginning to feel better, and the general tone of affairs is exceedingly favorable. The volume of business continues larger than a year ago. Collections are exceptionally good on the whole, and although money is in active and increasing demand at nearly all points the supply is ample for all legitimate needs. Exports have ceased, foreign exchange has declined, and the money market is at present without disturbing features. Speculation is not the whole active enough to have a disturbing influence.

DETECTIVES MEET WITH FAILURE.

Cannot Find Pinkerton's Arms at Home—Stead, but Promise a Surprise.

Detectives who have been trying to locate the arms taken from the Pinkertons on the day of the Homestead, Pa., riot, July 6, traced the weapons to a coal mine near the Monaca Station, thereabout. The detectives made a raid on the mine, but expected arms were not to be found. They learned the arms were removed to one or two before they claim to know the parties implicated in their removal, and a sensation is promised soon.

Held the Indigent Too Soon.

Simon Dwyer, a Dublin boy, fell down an elevator shaft in Collins' Hall's feather factory and was taken to the hospital. His aunt, Mary Schmittler, notified Coroner Mead of his death. The coroner summoned the witnesses, held the inquest, and returned a verdict, but when the undertaker called for the body to be buried, the coroner refused to give it, and the boy's body was kept in the hospital.

He Criticized Diaz.

C. C. Hogan, an American merchant of Monterey, Mexico, has been expelled from the republic for criticizing the administration of President Diaz.

Pearl at Philadelphia.

The kite, bearing Lieutenant Perry and the relief party, has reached Philadelphia.

Brothers Butcher a Preacher.

At St. Joseph, Mo., Ira Peters, a Polish preacher, who has been excommunicated by Joseph Scholmer, his neighbors, in the public streets, and was literally cut to pieces by them. The men had trouble over their chickens, which led to the assault. Peters cannot recover.

Four Persons Hurt at Peru.

At Peru, Ind., Wabash passenger train No. 44 collided with freight train 97, going west. Both engines were severely damaged, and four persons were hurt. Freight cars demolished. Four were hurt, none fatally.

Hat Lived 117 Years.

Word comes of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Stanton at her home in Patton Township, Centre County. She was the oldest person in Pennsylvania. She was 117 years old. Her age is beyond question.

Train Wrecked by an Explosion.

As a freight train was running between New Hartford and Winston on the New England division of the Philadelphia & Reading Road, a car filled with powder exploded with terrific force, blowing up the train and killing two other cars in a wreck. As far as known no one was killed.

Would Compel the Use of Their Book.

D. O. Heath & Co., book publishers of Chicago, filed suit by injunction against the Pettit County (Missouri) School Board and Prof. A. J. Smith and C. W. Horton to restrain them from the use of other text books than Hyde's Practical Lessons in English in the Broadway High School.

CRUSHED AND CREMATED.

Horrible Scenes at a Wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

A most appalling railroad accident occurred on the Pittsburgh, Port Wayne and Chicago Railroad one and a half miles west of Shreve, Ohio, at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. No. 8 fast line, going east, collided head-on with a section of No. 10 freight train, going west. The collision was a terrible one. Two passenger cars and one freight car were crushed and three or four freight cars were thrown in an indescribable mass. Twelve persons were killed and cremated. The two freight cars, one engine and passenger car, and several passenger cars were among the killed. There was no water near the wreck and nothing could be done to extinguish the flames. The place where the accident occurred is known as Brown's cut, and is filled up for about 300 feet. The cries of the unfortunate men who were killed and the sight of the wreckage was a terrible one. The freight train was running on the passenger's line.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS.

Sovereign Grand Lodge Nearly Completes the Business of the Session.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in session at Port Huron, Mich., completed the business of the session for the ensuing year with the following result: Grand Sire, C. F. Campbell, London, Ontario; Deputy Grand Sire, J. W. Stebbins, Rochester, New York; Grand Secretary, Theodore A. Ross, Columbus, Ohio; Grand Treasurer, Isaac A. Shepard, Philadelphia, Pa. The Grand Sire's annual report shows a net increase in active lodge membership from Jan. 1, 1891, to Jan. 1, 1892, of \$4,897. This is the largest increase made in a single year in the history of the order. The total lodge membership is now 72,141, including the Sisters of Rebekah Lodges, 892,881. Expenditures for relief during 1891 were \$3,176,382. The aggregate revenue of lodges and encampments was \$7,726,212, an increase of \$1,533,000 over the previous year. The number of candidates of Patriarchal Alliance is 148; the number of chevaliers, 20,000. The business of the session is practically completed.

LOTTERY SHARKS AT WORK.

They Still Have Hopes of Gaining a Foot-hold in North Dakota.

A Fargo, N. D., dispatch says: The startling statement is made here that the Louisiana Lottery has not given up all hope of gaining a foothold in North Dakota, and the wires are already being pulled in certain legislative circles in order to defeat the amendment to the constitution which will come up for action at the session of the Legislature this winter, forever prohibiting the granting of any charter to a lottery. An amendment must be passed by the Legislature, and the bill, if passed, will be submitted to a vote of the people, before becoming a part of the organic law. And if the bill could be defeated in the Legislature this winter it would be five years before it could again come up for action. The bill for the amendment to the constitution, which will forever stop any hopes the lottery company may entertain of gaining a foothold in this State, as it would carry at the election by an overwhelming vote.

HAD TWENTY WIVES.

Charles E. Akron, Arrested for Forgery, Has a Great Record.

Charles E. Akron, the forger, who was claimed as a husband by twenty women while he was serving a sentence in the Joliet (Ill.) prison ten years ago, was arrested by two city detectives the other day. He was charged with the forgery of a check for \$100,000, which he had cashed at a bank in Chicago. He was also charged with the forgery of a check for \$100,000, which he had cashed at a bank in Chicago. He was also charged with the forgery of a check for \$100,000, which he had cashed at a bank in Chicago.

WAS A MAN BURNED ALSO?

Ghastly Discovery in Waste from Hamburg Burned in Ohio.

Cincinnati detectives are endeavoring to determine how a skull and human bones came into the waste of the cars of waste from Hamburg, which were burned by exasperated citizens at Foster's Crossing. A railroad hand found the skull and the bones, which were found in the waste of the cars. The detectives are endeavoring to determine how the skull and bones came into the waste of the cars.

AWFUL WRECK ON THE SANTA FE.

Human Life Held as Naught by Plunderers.

Cold-blooded disregard of human life marked an attempt to rob passenger train No. 8 on the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe Road of its million-dollar treasure, three million dollars worth of goods, when it was wrecked at Osage City, Kan., at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. The treasure is safe, but four dead and thirty-five injured and mangled bodies tell a partial story of one of the most dreadful crimes of the century.

Refused to Register.

The Chinese Six Companies from all appearances intend to remain firm and are determined that no Chinese shall register, be photographed, or obey the provisions of the Geary bill in any way. The first proclamation issued by the Six Companies appeared on the dead walls in Chinatown, says a San Francisco dispatch, only a week ago. There was no mistaking the tenor of it. Every Chinaman who wished to obey the law was informed that if he did so he would have the Six Companies against him. This means the most complete boycott known, and no Chinaman would dare refuse the order. This original proclamation was followed by another, which was more direct and pointed in Chinatown and also mailed to all parts of the country. It declares the Geary bill to be an unjust law and urges all Chinese to disobey it. It ends by saying: "Again we warn you not to obey this law. An appeal to the Emperor of China has also been made."

Deacon Will Stay in Paris.

The Paris Press says that Edward Parker Deacon has been liberated from prison. The Paris Press adds that Mr. Deacon intends to reside in Paris and to institute legal proceedings for the custody of his children.

McCree's Resignation.

William McCree's resignation as United States Consul at Valparaiso, Chile, was written some time ago and forwarded after he became convinced that the State Department desired to continue him no longer in the service.

Submitted to Harrison.

A treaty has been concluded by the Argentine Republic and the United States of Brazil, under the terms of which a boundary dispute between these two countries was referred to President Harrison for arbitration.

Declares He is a Democrat.

Senator David H. Miller reiterated at the evening, in the presence of 4,000 Democrats, at the Academy of Music.

THE WOE OF FARMER FRILL.

By Pleasant Riderhood.

My son, Lord Byron James Frill, Orlando Homer Frill, To poetry has lately turned, While I the land must till. Attuned to nature's harmony, Inspired by autumn's breeze, His tender verse my poet weaves, Nor loes nor spade be soos.

SEIZING AMERICAN CATTLE.

Those that Stray Across the Border Confronted by Mexican Officials.

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